

REMARKS

Claims 19-42 are currently pending. Claims 19, 29 and 35 have been amended in this response.

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for his consideration during the telephone interview of June 28, 2006. During the telephone interview, applicant's representative and the Examiner discussed the claimed invention and the cited references. The Examiner provisionally agreed that the original claims with the foregoing amendments overcome the cited references.

The Examiner has rejected claims 19-22, 24-30 and 32-34 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Schanel ("Schanel"), and claims 23, 31 and 35-42 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schanel in view of Microsoft Project 98. Even though applicant respectfully disagrees with Examiner's position, applicant has amended independent claims 19, 29 and 35 to further clarify the claim's subject matter.

As agreed to by Examiner during the June 28 telephone interview, the pending claims with the foregoing amendments overcome the cited references because the cited references fail to teach or suggest at least one feature of these claims. For example, neither Schanel nor Microsoft Project 98 discloses or suggests that "the user can customize the display of the data fields of the project data on a task-by-task basis." As a result, the cited references cannot form the bases of either a Section 102(e) rejection of or a Section 103(a) rejection of these claims.

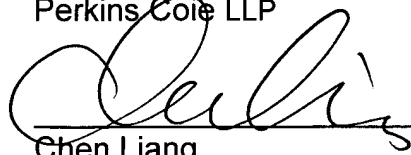
Based on the above amendment remarks, applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application and its early allowance. If the Examiner has any

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questions or believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (206) 359-6038.

Respectfully submitted,

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